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WORKING PAPER

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SUMMARY OF INFORMATION

A. THIS IS NOT A CARGO VESSEL. THIS SHIP IS INVOLVED WITH SCIENTIFIC GATHERING OF INFORMATION AND RESEARCH. LAUNCHING AND RECOVERY OF OBJECTS/VEHICLES UNDERWATER IS A PART OF ITS MISSION. ANOTHER PART OF ITS MISSION IS INFORMATION GATHERING AND THE STUDY OF ELECTRO-MAGNETIC FIELDS/FORCES. THE ITEMS OF INTEREST ARE HIGHLY TECHNICAL SCIENTIFIC PACKAGES TO AID IN GATHERING INFORMATION.

B. ACQUIRING THE NATIONALITY OF THIS SHIP IS VERY DIFFICULT. IT WOULD BE EASY TO SAY THAT THE VESSEL IS SOVIET, BUT I GET THE IMPRESSION THAT THERE IS A VERY STRONG ASIAN INFLUENCE. THE BEST I CAN DO FOR NATIONALITY AT THIS TIME IS CHINESE.

C. PHONETICALLY I AM GETTING; CHA.....CHAK-----SCHA.....SCHAKA.....SCHAKA-SOO.....CHAKTA.....THE SOUND SEEMS TO BE SCHAKA, OR CHAKTA

HANDLE VIA SKEET CHANNELS ONLY

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